

1    **Amendments to the Abstract:**

2    Please replace the abstract with the following:

3            A process for oxidation of methanol, ethanol, or a mixture of methanol and ethanol  
4       comprising contacting the methanol and/or ethanol with an oxygen-containing gas and a  
5       supported catalyst comprising one or more platinum group oxides. The process conditions  
6       and/or catalyst may be selected to as to selectively produce methyl formate from methanol or  
7       diethoxyethane from ethanol. The invention also includes certain novel supported platinum  
8       group metal oxide catalysts. Preferred catalysts include one or more ruthenium oxides.

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